

BWHS PARENT NEWSLETTER

January 20, 2026

High School News

Thinking about College Credit Plus for next year? Please remember, all students interested in CCP for the 2026-2027 school year need to submit the [2026-27 Intent to Participate](#) by April 1st. This includes students already in the program! This form is an annual state requirement

ACT Information (February 24th)

All Ohio school districts are required to administer the ACT to all students in grade 11 in the spring. This school day ACT administration is FREE to students. The Big Walnut Class of 2027 will take the online version of the ACT on February 24, 2026. All students in grades 9, 10, and 12 will remain at home on Junior ACT day to work on assignments issued by teachers. More information to come in January on this day. Juniors may review the following prior to testing: [Spring 2026 Taking the ACT](#) [Spring 2026 Preparing for the ACT](#) Test Taken Online Students have already been registered for the February 24th ACT test. Additional information about testing will be shared in January and weekly leading up to the test day.

Senior Skip Day (Please Read)

Senior skip day is **NOT** affiliated with the school. Please know that instructional time is valued by BWHS, and we do NOT permit or plan this day with our senior students.

Scholarship Information Senior Class

The Delaware County Foundation [DCF](#) and Big Walnut Education Foundation [BWEF](#) scholarships are due by February 28, 2026. Seniors will also receive pertinent information through Schoology. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the counseling center or consult the respective websites.

Important Scheduling Information

It is now time for students to begin planning their course selections for the 2026-2027 academic year. An informational video was presented to all students during Eagle Time on January 14th. This video, along with additional scheduling information, is accessible on the school [counseling website](#). We encourage families to engage in discussions with their students and teachers to facilitate optimal course choices. Counselors will begin scheduling with the class of 2029 during the week of January 20 to January 23, coinciding with their Global Studies course. Following that, they will move on to the class of 2028 in American History, and meet individually with the class of 2027. Counselors will be visiting classrooms to schedule in person with each student, providing dedicated time for questions and guidance to support class choices. In March, students and families will receive a printout of the selected courses for final review. Please reach out to your child's counselor with any further questions.

Important Dates

January 21st-Eagle Time Bell Schedule
January 28th-Career Talk (Eagle Time)
February 3rd-NHS Blood Drive (Aux Gym)
February 4th-Eagle Time
February 5th-PT Conferences (4:30-7:30)
February 5th-CCP Meeting/Academic Commons (6:00 pm)
February 9th-Class of 2030 Orientation (6:00-8:00 pm)
February 11th-Career Fair (Lunches)
February 24th-11th Grade ACT (9, 10, 12 Virtual)

Career Talk (Jan 28th)

On Wednesday, January 28th, during Eagle Time, we will be hosting a *Career Talk*. This month's speaker is Ryan Stalzer. Ryan will meet with students interested in the area of Marketing and Media.. Please see this [link](#) for his impressive Bio with both ESPN and the Golf Channel, now leading marketing programs for insurance and technology companies. Students who are interested in attending may sign up using this [link](#) using their Big Walnut email address.

PT Conference Reminder (February 5th)

This is a reminder that Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 5th, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Families will be able to sign up for conferences beginning January 22nd at this [link](#).